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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0431

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LY CH TW

SUBJECT : INQUIRY RE PRC/ LIBYAN DPL RELATIONS

1. CHINESE NATIONALIST AMBASSADOR TSAI PA APRIL 5
GAVE CHARGE A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: AN ARGENTINE NEWSPAPER " OPINION" RECENTLY
REPORTED THAT LIBYA WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. IT
QUOTED THE DIPLOMATIC CIRCLE IN ROME AS THE SOURCE
OF THIS REPORT. END QUOTE. HE ASKED IF IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY ROME TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES
AS TO POSSIBLE SOURCE AND SUBSTANCE OF THIS REPORT
ATTRIBUTED ULTIMATELY TO ROME.

2. IN AGREEING TO ASK EMBASSY ROME TO CHECK INTO
THIS MATTER, CHARGE COMMENTED THAT THE REPORT WAS
EXTREMELY VAGUE BUT THAT HE WAS SURE EMBASSY ROME
WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD.

3. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR TSAI PA IS, VERY UNDERSTANDABLY,
ON TENDERHOOKS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF HIS MISSION
HERE AND APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY
RECENT CLARIFICATION FROM MFA REGARDING RECURRENT
RUMORS THAT LARG IS ABOUT TO ESTABLISH DPL RELATIONS
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WITH PRC. AT SAME TIME, HE OCCASIONALLY PROVIDES
US CERTAIN VALUABLE INFORMATION REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS
IN LIBYA AND WE TRY TO MEET HIS RELATIVELY MINOR
REQUESTS.
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